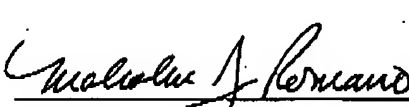
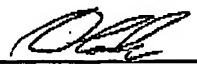


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Attorney Docket No: <b>A279-USA</b>		
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Invention: <b>HOUSING FOR AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE</b>						
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b> Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	23	MINUS	23	0	\$50	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	2	0	\$200	\$ 0.00
_____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>2/15/2006</u> to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:						
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           _____ one month (\$120.00)            _____ two months (\$450.00)         </div> <div>           _____ three months (\$1,020.00)            _____ four months (\$1,590.00)         </div> </div>						
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>						
_____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  _____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  _____ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.  _____ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account _____.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.						
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>27 March 2006</u> Date         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">             Malcolm J. Romano            Reg. No. 28752         </div> </div>						
I hereby certify that this Correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO at 571-273-8300, on March 27, 2006.						
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MAR 27 2006AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2006, please amend this above identified application as follows. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this response.

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 5 and 8 have been amended for consistency and to respond to the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.